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### A WEEK'S NEWS.

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#### CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, the 10th, a memorial was presented from Kansas veterans, asking pensions. Mr. Hill called up the resolution asking the Secretary of the Interior to furnish copies of all papers relating to the transfer of the land grant of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksburg Railroad company to the New Orleans Pacific Railroad company. After discussion the resolution was agreed to.

In the call of States there was a perfect floor of bills and resolutions offered, over two thousand being presented and the call was not half concluded. Among them was a resolution by Mr. Lamb, calling upon the Attorney General for an itemized account of the expenditures of the prosecution of the route cases. By Mr. Anderson, to prevent undue discrimination by railroad companies, and for the purpose of securing uniformity in the application of the law, to certain circumstances, also to create a postal telegraph; also to reduce the postage on dry letters to one cent; also a resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for information regarding the purchase of public lands by foreign soldiers, so called, and titled allies, with their names and amount of acres purchased. Mr. Ingalls introduced a bill for relief of widows of railway postal clerks, killed in discharge of duty; also fixing the rate of postage for each such officer and the rate of postage for each such officer and the rate of postage for each such officer.

A resolution was adopted requesting the President to ascertain if Patrick O'Donnell, under sentence of death in England, is a citizen of the United States, and if so, whether tried and convicted in accordance with the municipal laws of Great Britain and the requirements of international law.

In the Senate, the 11th, Mr. Beck offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information regarding the Sinking Fund, which he stated was being kept up by over taxation.

Mr. Ingalls presented a petition from soldiers and sailors who served nine days in the late war, and who are now in possession of land. The avalanche of bills and petitions continued in the House. Mr. Robinson (N. Y.) offered a resolution of inquiry, calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information regarding the purchase of public lands by foreign soldiers, so called, and titled allies, with their names and amount of acres purchased.

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The session of the Senate on the 12th, took the resolution offered by Mr. Beck directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish information concerning the Sinking Fund, etc., and Mr. Beck addressed the Senate. The resolution was amended and adopted. Mr. Wilson called up his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution to give the right of suffrage to citizens. It was referred after debate. The Senate then went into executive session. The House was not in session.

The session of the Senate on the 13th was principally devoted to the discussion of the proposed new railroad. Mr. Van Wyck introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information relative to the transfer of the Texas Pacific Railroad to the Southern Pacific Railroad. A resolution by the same Senator calling for information of certain expenditures of the Department of Justice in connection with the star-route trial, passed. The House was not in session.

The Senate was not in session the 14th. The proceedings in the House were unimportant.

#### WASHINGTON NOTES.

It is said that no legislation will be attempted in Congress until after the holiday recess, which will be taken in time to allow members to pass Christmas at home.

The Republican National Committee met at Washington on the 12th, and on the third ballot selected Chicago as the place and June 8 as the time of holding the National Convention. The committee also selected for President and Vice-President.

In regard to the importance of forest culture, the Commissioner of Agriculture says: "The total value of forest products of the United States for the census year is estimated at \$700,000,000. In other words, the forest products exceed in value our crops of hay, rye, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes and tobacco taken together. They amount to ten times the value of gold and silver, of which we make so much account, and to more than three times the value of the precious minerals and coal and other minerals combined."

Two-thirds of the bills introduced in the House on the 11th were pension bills. One of them has been introduced in every Congress since 1852.

The President recently sent the following nominations to the Senate: Royal A. Johnson, of New York, Surveyor General of Arizona; Lawrence Weldon, of Illinois, Judge of the Court of Claims.

The Republican Senatorial caucus recently nominated ex-Congressman McCook for Secretary of the Senate.

J. A. Thompson, Acting Deputy Comptroller of the Treasury, was stricken with paralysis recently while at his desk in the department.

The Postmaster-General has called on the Attorney-General for an interpretation of the act of March 3, 1883, providing for the readjustment of salaries of postmasters in accordance with the act of June 12, 1886. A very large number of claims have been made by postmasters for back pay under this act, and the amount involved is variously estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

The bill recently introduced by Senator Vance to promote the faithful administration of public offices, provides punishment by fine not exceeding \$5,000 and dismissal from office by any officer under the United States Government, executive, legislative or judicial, who shall receive from any railroad, banking or telegraph company free passes, tickets or stock. A bill introduced by Representative Rogers provides for the retirement of enlisted men in the United States army after thirty years' service, with pay and allowances of the rank held at the time of retirement.

Colonel Bodine entered suit recently in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia against Colonel Phillips, to recover \$22,500 alleged to have been received by Phillips from the Cherokee Nation, under plea that the same was to be paid to certain high officials for their influence in securing the \$200,000 appropriation made last session to pay for the Cherokee lands.

#### THE EAST.

MARTIN, Citizens' candidate, was chosen Mayor of Boston at the late election. The Court-house at Butler, Pa., burned recently. The cupola, one hundred feet high, which contained a large bell and also a bell tower, fell with the main body. Several persons were injured, one fatally. The Criminal Court records and a large number of important Orphans' Court documents were destroyed. The building was erected in 1853, at a cost of \$50,000; insurance \$25,000.

FREDERICK WORTHMAN, of West Hoboken, N. Y., burned in the sleeper Tolono, on the New York Central Railroad, from the effect of his injuries.

It was said that four hundred men would be thrown out of work for a month by the destruction of the hoisting engine in the Lucas Gap Spring Colliery, at Mt. Carmel, Pa.

One night recently an explosion took place in the rear of Kellogg's drug store, in Casselton, N. Y. The inmates of the house barely escaped. Howard Morse, clerk, jumped out of a window. Mr. Witt, clerk, and little boy escaped by ladders, in their night clothes. The drug store was entirely consumed.

A primary election recently held in New Orleans resulted in three killed and seven wounded, one of the latter being the Sheriff.

The Standard Theater, a popular-up-town place of amusement in New York, was burned the other evening. Loss, \$75,000; fully insured.

A SERIOUS riot took place the other night at the Blue Mountain tunnel, near Pittsburgh, Pa., between the Italian and negro laborers. During the night two of the latter broke into a shanty containing provisions for twenty-one men, and about one hundred Italian men attacked the negroes with shotguns and pistols. The negroes being unarmed returned the assault with clubs and stones, but were finally forced to seek shelter after four of their number had been wounded, one fatally and the other three seriously. The next morning the rioting was renewed and the negroes were driven away.

#### THE WEST.

A TRAIN on the Union Pacific road was recently snow-bound for thirty-six hours, near Deer Lake, Colo., about one hundred miles west of Denver.

The Union Rolling Mills at Cleveland, O., were mostly destroyed by fire the other morning. Loss on building, \$20,000; machinery, probably \$80,000.

SANFORD TOLL recently committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell in jail at Muncie, Ind. He was under sentence for twenty-one years for assault with the municipal laws of Great Britain and the requirements of international law.

JOHN KINNIX, six years old, was engaged with several companions in playing practical jokes upon a flagman at Shelby Station, O., when McGinnis ran in front of a freight train and was instantly killed.

L. C. HOLMES was found dead in his room in a hotel, near the Union depot, in Kansas City, the other morning. He was on his way home to Kearney, Mo., from Hot Springs. Heart disease was the trouble.

In the southern part of Madison County, Mo., the other day, William Boyer shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Mary Boyer, and himself shot through the heart and instantly killed. Kelley died the next day and Berry was not expected to live. The tragedy was the result of an old feud.

In digging the foundation for a new court house at Las Vegas, N. M., recently, the laborers, old miners, saw symptoms of "pay dirt." They immediately gave it a trial, which resulted in striking it rich. There was great excitement in town, and everybody was staking out claims.

JOHN W. WATSON was shot and killed from ambush, the other night, in the Indian Territory, while going home from Siliam Springs, it was said by Deputy Marshal Andrews and posse, who mistook the Judge for a noted outlaw they were looking for.

The wife of L. J. Johnson, of Holden, Mo., while recently out driving, was thrown out of her carriage and killed.

The Kirkwood Hotel at Carrington, D. T., which had been completed only one month, burned recently. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000.

An intoxicated individual in the gallery of the Academy of Music, at Chicago, the other night set up the cry "fire," and a large audience surged toward the exits doors. In consequence the manager had to exit on the main floor closed, and by his efforts and those of people on the stage succeeded in reassuring the audience. The galleries were emptied without any serious mishap occurring. The man who raised the disturbance was arrested.

Mrs. JOHN MADDOX, of Marshall, Mo., the other morning found a bottle of beer sitting on her back porch, which she supposed had been sent there by one of her neighbors. She took the bottle into the house, drank a portion herself, gave some to two of her children, aged respectively ten and thirteen years, and handed the balance to a negro man who was employed about the house. About noon all four were taken with violent spasms accompanied by much vomiting. A physician was called, and the victims of the poison administered and the lives of the sufferers saved. The beer had been poisoned, but who did the dastardly deed was a mystery.

The rumor that Claus Spreckles, of San Francisco, had cornered the entire Hawaiian sugar production is confirmed. The quantity is estimated at 80,000,000 pounds, sufficient to supply the world's demand for the Pacific coast.

FOUR thieves crowded into a Rock Island train the other evening as the passengers were getting off at the Union depot, at Kansas City, and attempted to rob an old gentleman named Vanatta, of Newton, Iowa, when he knuckled one of the rascals down, whereupon the others fled.

In the case of the Pueblo lands in San Jose, Cal., in which the United States and the city of San Jose claimed the title to two hundred and fifty acres of land within the city limits, the Commissioner of the General Land Office recently decided in favor of the city.

At Havana, Ill., the other morning Miss Edna Sisney, a girl of fifteen years, was watching her father secure it and the stove was set on fire. She awoke in a complete blaze, and rushing out of doors, was enveloped in flame and her clothing completely burned off to her waist. She was fatally burned.

JOHN BONKERS, a drunken brute living in the vicinity of Rockville, Ind., recently locked his wife out doors when she refused to have sex with him. She went to the woods with her children and while building a fire her clothing took fire and she was burned to death.

CHARLES McLAUGHLIN was shot and killed the other day in San Francisco, Cal. The tragedy was the result of seventeen years' litigation. McLaughlin was the President of the Central Gas Light Company, and ranked among the millionaires. He was the promoter of the old overland mail route, which made considerable money in 1862. He contracted to build the Western Pacific Railroad from San Jose to Sacramento for \$5,400,000, and sublet the grading and masonry work to Cox. Out of this grew the law suits that led to the final tragedy.

CHARLES CUMMINGS was arrested at Denver recently, for passing counterfeit money. It is charged that a few weeks ago he flooded the town of Sedalia, Colo., with the bogus stuff, and then, after disposing of a quantity in bulk to another party, left the country. A detective had been following him for some time.

FRANK LIDDLE was recently arrested at Lincoln, Neb., upon the charge of sending registered letters while he was assistant postmaster at Ames, Iowa.

FRANK JAMES was released on bail at Kansas City, upon the charge of participating in the Blue Cut train robbery, but before leaving the court room was again arrested by an officer from Gallatin, Mo., upon a warrant charging him with the murder of Captain Sheets. He was taken to Gallatin for trial.

At San Francisco, Cal., the other day, Florence Vincent, a Spanish Artie whaler, shot and wounded his wife and then blew out his own brains. Jealousy was the cause.

#### THE SOUTH.

The Coosa River furnace, at Gadsden, Ala., was recently destroyed by fire. Four hundred cars of coke were burned. Loss nearly \$150,000.

The residence of Ella Martin, of Baltimore, Md., burned recently. Carrie Mar-

tin, aged thirty-two, jumped from the second story and was fatally injured. Ella Martin was a cabinet-maker, but severely hurt. Ella Martin, artist and owner of the building, and her sister Mary, aged sixty, were rescued by means of a ladder.

BILL KINNEY, who was acquitted of murder at West Union, W. Va., recently, was taken from jail by a mob and hung the following night.

COLONEL J. R. POWELL, aged sixty-nine, a wealthy planter at Washington County, Miss., was shot at Moccasin Landing, recently, by Charles F. Robinson. The dispute was about a trifle.

JOHN W. GARRETT was recently unanimously elected President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for the twenty-sixth time.

THE Rio River coast line steamer Alexandria, recently, above New Orleans, with a cargo of 1,100 bales of cotton and 500 barrels of oil. The boat and cargo will probably be saved. The boat was valued at \$12,000 and insured for \$8,000.

A PASSENGER train on the Texas & St. Louis Railway was wrecked the other night near Gilmer, Tex., and a number of people badly hurt. Three freight trains were wrecked on the same road the night before.

A PASSENGER train recently collided with a freight train on the Georgia Central Railroad, south of Savannah. Both trains were wrecked. J. F. Wilson, of Davisboro, Ga., was killed; O. H. and S. Stevens, of Barlow, Ga., badly wounded; Fanny Freeman, of Milledgeville, leg broken and Mike Falvey, a fireman, badly injured.

#### GENERAL.

ANOTHER fearful massacre has befallen a detachment of the Egyptian army. While on the march from Suakin to Berber, on December 3, at the halting place, thirty Egyptian soldiers, a force of eight hundred negroes and Arab Banzons were utterly annihilated by adherents of the False Prophet. The flight only lasted twenty minutes.

GREAT BRITAIN was torn by a terrible tornado on the 12th. Towns were flooded, churches and other buildings demolished, trees uprooted, vessels damaged and a number of persons killed.

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#### THE LATEST.

AMONG the leading Democratic members of Congress the opinion prevails that the National Democratic Convention will be held in the West. Chicago is working quietly but not at all secretly it is true, to monopolize the National Conventions next year. The members of the National committee for Iowa and Minnesota have declared for Chicago. Louisville is also anxious to secure the convention, and has active friends.

The value of exports of breadstuffs in November 1885 was \$14,637,253 against \$15,200,491 for the same time last year; for the seven months ended November 29, 1885, \$150,738,456; corresponding time last year \$163,581,075.

CHARLES H. WALKER'S sugar house, near Franklin, Bayou Fouché, La., burned recently. Loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$20,000. It was the largest refinery in the State outside of New Orleans, and made the best white sugar.

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#### KANSAS STATE NEWS.

JOHN MORRIS'S residence, on the corner of Eighth and Polk streets, Leavenworth, was entirely destroyed by fire the other morning. Loss about \$3,000; partially covered by insurance.

CONGRESSMAN MORRILL has been informed by the Attorney General that as soon as District Attorney Hallows furnishes an opinion that the old tax sale certificates are not a lien upon the property, payment will be made for the site of the Leavenworth public buildings.

Post-office changes in Kansas for the week ended December 8: Established—Gale, Marion County, John W. Smith, postmaster; Jackson, Russell County, Robert A. Jack, postmaster. Name changed—Lorette, Kingman County, to Oakland; William E. Hommar, postmaster.

The monthly report of the State Agent to the Statistical Department at Washington showed that the eastern two-thirds of the State, in which three-fourths of the corn crop has been produced this year, is in the midst of a severe drought.

The only corn that is being sold in the market is that which is called "rent corn," or that which is produced by farmers upon rented land, and which must be sold as soon as it is fit. There is a well defined hope among farmers that the price will soon advance.

It has been said that the only export corn grown this year in the United States comes from Kansas, and this having been promulgated among farmers has had the effect of strengthening the hopeful feeling above referred to. The past two seasons of plenty have placed the farmers upon a much better financial footing than they have ever had before in the State, and they are now able to hold their product for an advance, or purchase stock and feed it upon their own land.

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#### SWALLOWED BY THE SEA.

Four merchant vessels which set sail at different periods since the 7th of last July with large cargoes and crews of men have never been heard from, and are given up for lost. Altogether they had on board forty seamen, who are supposed to have gone to the bottom of the depths. The financial loss, should the four crafts never appear, will be at least \$185,000. One of the ill-fated vessels is the new schooner Joseph Hilton, owned by this city's large extent, principally by John Barry, of No. 85 Fairmount avenue, and J. McCracken, of Camden, N. J. She was manned by Captain O. H. P. Rogers and a crew of seven men, and set sail from Darien, Ga., where she sailed on September 4, for Newburyport, Mass., with a cargo of 400,000 lbs. of yellow pine. The vessel and cargo were worth \$50,000.

The schooner Earl H. Potter, Captain Dyer, another of the overdue vessels, sailed from Philadelphia June 20 for New York City, in the month of August, clearing on the 23d for New York with 250,000 lbs. of lumber. She carried a crew of eight men, and with her cargo was worth \$25,000.

The bark Fannie H. Loring, Captain Soule, sailed from this port on November 7, for Portland, Me. She carried a crew of ten men, all told, and with her cargo of coal, was worth \$25,000.

The Norwegian bark Protector, Captain Jacobson, sailed from New York on July 27, for this port, with a general cargo, has not been seen since she passed the Edystone Light on August 27. She carried a crew of ten men, and was valued, with her cargo, at \$20,000.

#### DEATH DEALING GALES.

Terrible Devastation Caused by Severe Gales in England—Buildings Demolished, Shipping Destroyed, Lands Submerged and Many Lives Lost.

There were violent gales throughout England last evening, and much damage was done in London and the provinces. At Wolverhampton the Exhibition Building, which was only partially completed, was destroyed. At Newry, lamp-posts in the streets were bent. Much property has been destroyed on land and many lives lost. Huge trees were torn up and carried away. The low-lying districts of Birmingham were flooded. A portion of the church of St. Chad, Derby, was demolished. The Congregational Church there was also damaged. The parish church Rotherham was much injured. Chimney shafts were thrown down at Manchester. A large gas-holder near Bradford was captured and the Chemical Works at Wilmslow were damaged. The Leicester Carriage Works were destroyed. At Birkenhead great damage was done. The chief officer of a steamer just arrived from Glasgow was killed. The Ford cars were overturned and many buildings damaged. At Lincoln the parapet of the tower of the new Cathedral was blown down. A ship was blown from its moorings in Belfast Harbor. At South Shields vessels broke apart. Three wharves were sunk. The British ship Liverpool, from Quebec for Greenock, is a total wreck near Stranraer, Scotland. Only a man and a boy were saved of the crew of 100. A portion of Portsmouth was flooded. At Hartlepool many ships were damaged. At Brinsford two persons were killed and a number injured. Three were killed in Manchester. At Dewsbury three were killed. At Chester a man was blown down in the street and killed. Two persons were killed at Liverpool. A portion of the roof of St. Mary's Church, Berwick, was destroyed. Several houses in the suburbs of Nottingham were blown down. At Kidwiler the gasometer was demolished. The postal telegraph inspector was out in two telegrams. At Bristol the gasometer was blown down and a portion of the depot of the Midland Railway were blown down. Several vessels docked in the Mersey were damaged. Two vessels were wrecked off Dunare, Scotland, and two men drowned. Lowlands of West Lancashire and in the Garston District are flooded. The damage to property is very great.

#### An Attempted Jail Break Frustrated.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 12. An attempted jail break was frustrated to-day in the County Jail in this city. Among the twenty prisoners confined there are six desperate characters—Michael Mooney, who butchered his cellmate; Skinnery Hopkins and John Obern, who entered the house of an aged couple near this place and at the point of a revolver forced them to surrender; Lewis Jackson, a colored burglar, and two foot-pads named Mollie Burns and Nelson Clark. These notorious criminals have been in the habit of dancing and singing in the corridors of the jail with the other prisoners, and the jail authorities have been something wrong from the regularity and system of these matinee performances. He instituted a secret watch and discovered that it was done by the prisoners. From one of their number, who was industriously sawing at the bars of an obscure outside window. They were immediately locked up and deprived of the saw. An examination of the window showed that one of the bars was sawed off at the top and partially cut off at the bottom. The prisoners were allowed to keep up their performance one or two days more the desperate Mooney and the whole gang would have turned themselves loose upon the community. They will not be permitted to exercise in the corridors any more, but will be securely locked in their cells and a close watch kept upon them.

#### Mysteriously Missing.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Dec. 12. A Mr. Reed, aged thirty-three, a native of Wisconsin, but whose parents are supposed now to reside in the vicinity of Newark, N. J., and who was recently employed as Inspector on the Kansas City, Springfield & Memphis Railroad, disappeared from his boarding place, Mr. George Reed's east of Wm. McAdams, on Tuesday of last week, and has not been heard from since. He has a large can of some kind of material which he claimed was a new varnish for buggies, and he left on Tuesday morning stating that he had a contract a short distance southwest of the city, and as he left said not to keep dinner waiting for him as he might not be back before night. He departed in the above direction and has not been seen or heard from since.

#### Sad Suicide.

ELGIN, ILL., Dec. 12. At St. Charles, this county, at an early hour this morning, Adolph Freudenberger, lying in bed beside his wife, inserted the muzzle of a revolver between his teeth and put a bullet in his brain, dying almost instantly. The deceased was a leading business man in this district, and reputedly wealthy. He conducted extensive flouring mills at St. Charles, and had built up a large and successful business. He was usually happy in his domestic relations, having a charming wife and an interesting family of four children, the eldest of whom is but fifteen years of age. Threatened financial difficulties is the attributed cause. Deceased was a highly educated and intelligent man.

#### Fatally Injured.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Dec. 12. About six o'clock this evening Wesley Cashman, a coupler in the yards of the Western & Atlanta Railroad, fell under the wheels of a car, which passed over his body, mauling his right arm and almost severing his right leg at the thigh. The physician in attendance states that both leg and arm are badly broken, and that the man will probably die. He was taken to the hospital, but the operation can be performed. Some time ago Cashman lost an eye in the fall of the W. & A. Company, and the company had agreed to pay him \$15,000 damages. The man had written to his wife, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, that he would start for home to-morrow evening. He will probably go to his wife's corpse.

#### NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

The Senate Committee Decided on in Caucus—Proposed Legislation in the Interest of Settlers on Public Lands.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10. The Republican caucus of the Senate this morning simply fixed up the committees, and adjourned to Thursday to consider the subject of electing officers. Anson B. Cook, of New York, and Mr. McPherson, Clerk of the last House, are candidates for Secretary, the former especially having quite a number of warm advocates. Canada, of North Carolina, is again ground on Colonel Geo. W. Hooker, under the leadership of Sherman, Logan and Conger.

In the construction of the committees, Miller, of California, takes Windom's place as Chairman of Foreign Affairs, displacing Edmunds, who was next in order for the position, but he preferred to retain the Judiciary. The only new Senator on this committee is Wilson, of Iowa. The only change in the Committee on Finance was to add Miller, of New York, Mr. Morrill remaining Chairman. The Committee on Appropriation remains the same, Mr. Allison at its head, with the addition of Cull, of Texas, in place of Davis, of West Virginia. Several of the new Senators have places on the Committee on Manufactures, Nebraska, of Virginia, is Chairman, Sabin, Delphi and Colquhoun being among his colleagues. Miller, of New York, supplants Mahone as Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture. The Claims committee on Military Affairs, of which Logan is Chairman, is to add Camden in place of Grover, Cameron of Pennsylvania was left at the head of the Committee on Naval Affairs, with Anthony second. Mr. Hale, the third on the Committee, will be de facto Chairman. Hill, of Colorado, takes the head of the Post-office and Post Roads Committee,